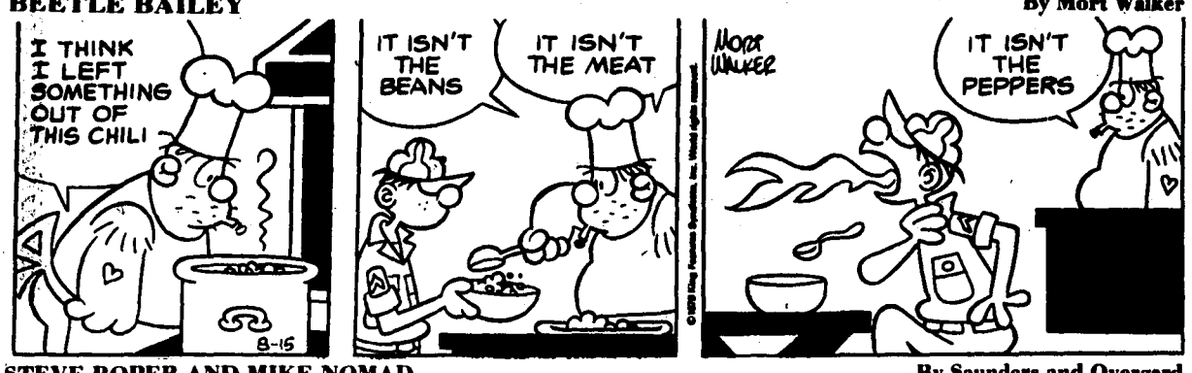
BEETLE BAILEY — By Mort Walker



STEVE ROPER AND MIKE NOMAD — By Saunders and Overgard

WINTHROP — By Dick Cavalli

THE LITTLE WOMAN

"When you said we'd work as a team, I didn't know you planned to be a permanent benchwarmer!"

Looking backward

50 years ago

The all-time cold record for Aug. 15 is broken at 5 a.m. this morning when the mercury falls to 49 degrees above zero. The previous record for this date was 52 degrees on Aug. 15, 1885 . . . **Howard Piper** announces the sale of the entire wholesale candy business known as Piper Brothers to **Ed Phillips and Sons Co.** He plans to devote his time to the management of the cafe in the New Madison Hotel building, to be known as Piper's Cafe after Sept. 1, and supervising the hotel under the management of **Charles Stein** . . . The Senate concurs with the Assembly in a bill giving legislators $100 a month steady salary during their terms in office. Legislators now receive $500 every two years. **Governor Walter J. Kohler** indicates he does not believe legislators should draw more than $1,500 every two years . . . **Emerson Ela,** Madison attorney, is chosen as legal advisor and business director of the Northern Wisconsin Cooperative Tobacco pool at the organizational meeting of the board of directors.

25 years ago

Members of the committee for the Knights of Columbus annual picnic, meeting at the **Joseph Rupp** cottage on Lake Monona, are **William V. Thomas, Larry J. Henry, Francis Seaman, William Triggs, Bernard Gill, George Stein, John Coyne, William McGuire, Ernest Welch, Robert Straus, Eugene Downey, Al Decker, Ted Wetternach and John Rupp** . . . Members of the Bowman Dairy's baseball team, winners of their third straight Madison League Championship, include **Toby Hammill, Dale Myrland, Floyd Leve, Warren Bohnhoff, Don Johnson, Ken Matthiesen, Don Annen, Ralph Brockert, Bob Shea, Otto Puls and Bill Smith. Gene Calhoun** is manager and **Pat Richter and Jeff Tollefson** are batboys.

10 years ago

July winners in The Capital Times Fishing contests include Large mouth bass, **Mary Handell;** Small mouth black bass, **Dr. B. B. Hancock;** Northern Pike, **LeRoy Dunahay,** McFarland; German Brown Trout, **David Berndt;** Blue Gills, **Don Fillner;** Perch, **John Ditter** . . . Members of the Automatic Temperature baseball team, winners of the city midget championship at Breese Stevens Field, are **Steve Branstelter, Dave Robaidek, Terry Sweeney, Rocky Vitale, Frank Vitale, Butch Maglio, Tom Willauer, Tom Wojta, Tim Larson, Mark Smidebush, Dan Chitwood and Mike Zweifel** . . . **H. Van Engen,** professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, is speaker at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics convention at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Bridge

by Alfred Sheinwold

"How many shekels do you want for a Sheinwold's Shilling?" a reader asks. "I need one to choose the right finesse."

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K J 2
♡ J 4
◇ K J 9
♣ A K J 7

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 4
♡ Q 6 5 2
◇ 6 3
♣ 8 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 7 6 3
♡ 3
◇ Q 10 8 7
♣ Q 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠ 5
♡ A K 10 9 8 7
◇ A 5 4 2
♣ 5 3

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♡	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♡	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ◇	Pass	6 ♡	All Pass

Opening lead — ♠ 10

Read today's hand first.

South took the top spades, discarding a diamond, and ruffed a spade. Since the nine of spades hadn't dropped South could lead a club to the king and ruff another spade safely.

Declarer then led a club to the ace and ruffed a club. Since nothing good had happened, South cashed the ace of diamonds and led a low diamond.

Instead of finessing South took the king of diamonds and gave up a diamond. If the finesse was going to work, West would win the third diamond and give South the last three tricks. If the diamond finesse was not going to work, there was no advantage in taking it.

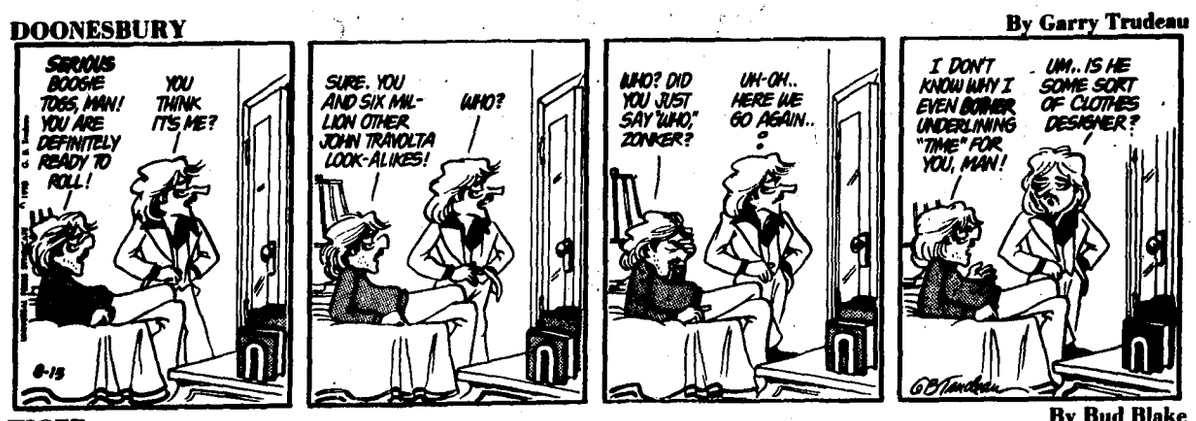
As it happened, west had to ruff the third diamond; and South then easily got the rest. South would have gone down if he had finessed in any of the four suits.

Who wants a Sheinwold Shilling to choose a finesse?

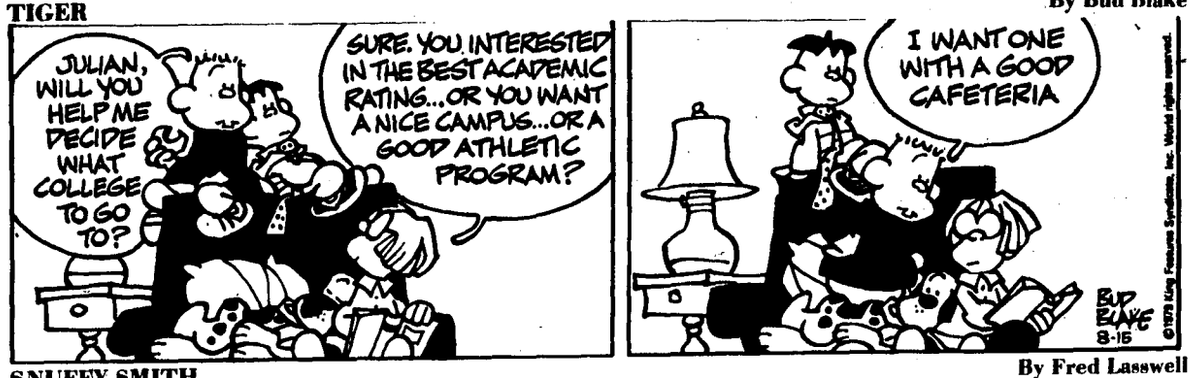
DAILY QUESTION: Partner bids one spade, you raise to two spades, and partner then bids three diamonds. The opponents pass. You hold: Spades-Q 7 6 3; Hearts-3; Diamonds-Q 10 8 7, and Clubs-Q 10 9 6. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Partner wants you to choose three spades or four spades as the final contract. Since you have help in his side suit (diamonds) and solid values for your raise, answer this question by bidding game.

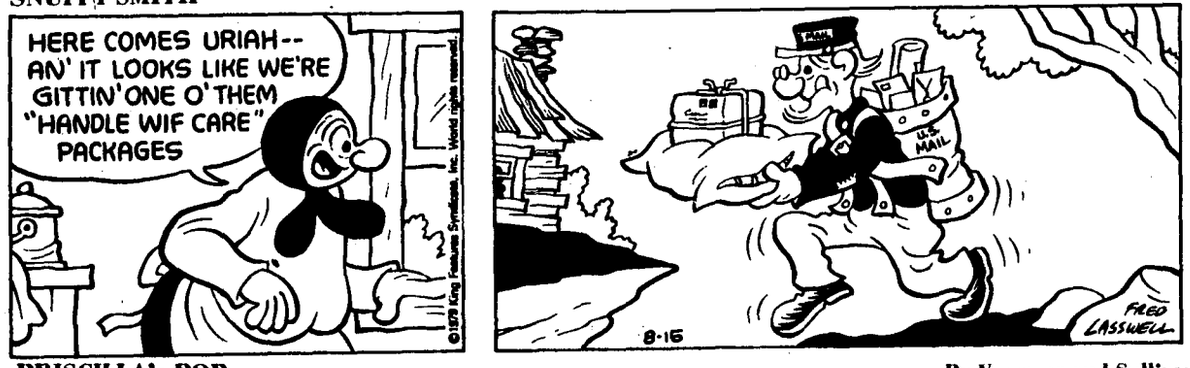
DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau



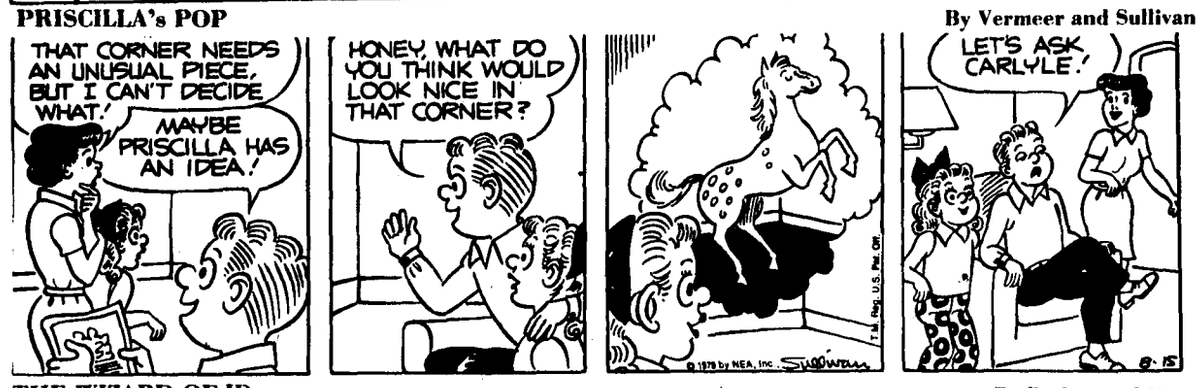
TIGER — By Bud Blake



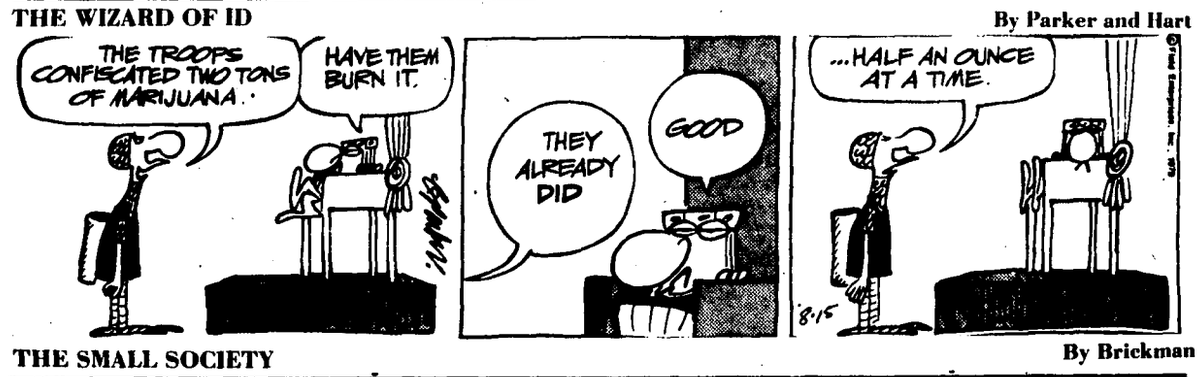
SNUFFY SMITH — By Fred Lasswell



PRISCILLA's POP — By Vermeer and Sullivan

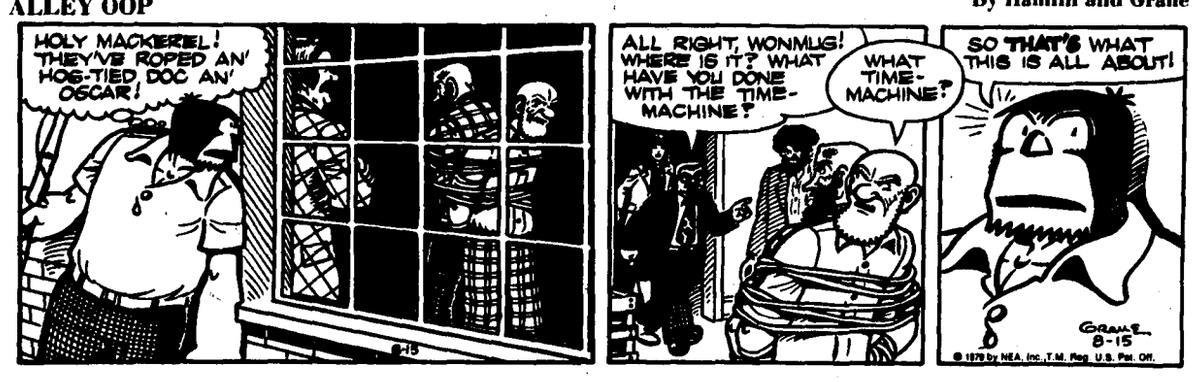


THE WIZARD OF ID — By Parker and Hart



THE SMALL SOCIETY — By Brickman

ALLEY OOP — By Hamlin and Grane



THE INCREDIBLE HULK — By Lee and Lieber

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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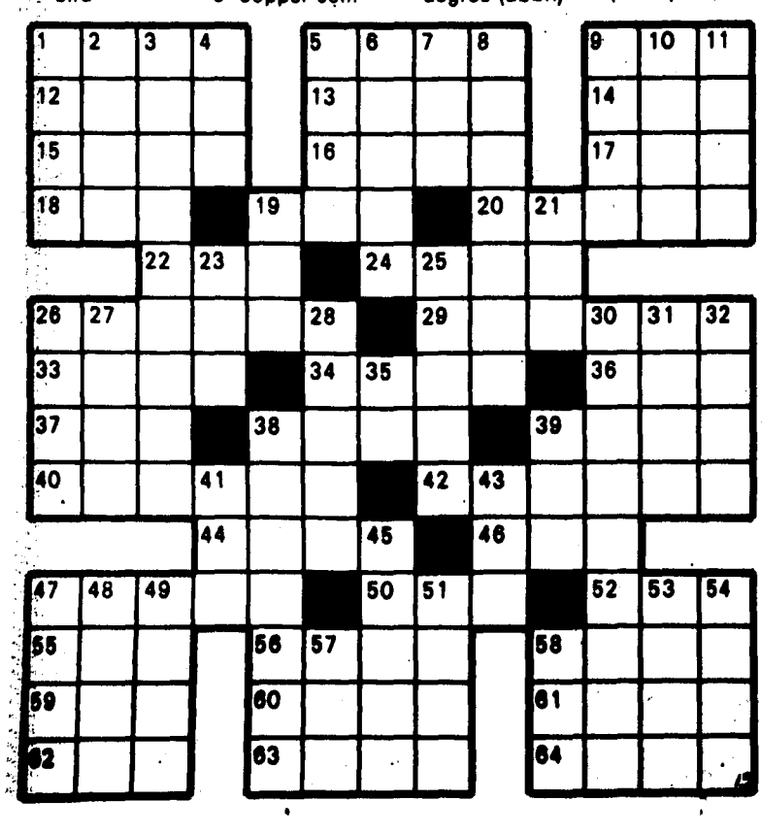
ACROSS

1 Arabian ship
5 Stun
9 Corn spike
12 Ten (prefix)
13 Singletons
14 Self-esteem
15 Circle part (pl.)
16 Noise (pl.)
17 Depression initials
18 Second person
19 Pfc's bed
20 Ethereal salt
22 Football cheer
24 Skin ailment
26 Thole
29 Sea creatures
33 Trifle
34 Mitch Miller's instrument
36 Heart (Lat.)
37 Small hotel
38 Baseballer Musial
39 Piece of land
40 Deny
42 Went by ship
44 Florida county
46 Australian bird
47 Milk-organ
50 And so on (abbr., Lat., 2 wds.)
52 Heavens
55 Marsh crocodile
56 Take a chance
58 Eat at eight
59 College degree (abbr.)
60 Kimono sash (pl.)
61 Rush hour at the diner
62 Of course
63 Proper
64 Aardvark's diet

DOWN

1 Normandy invasion day
2 Protagonist
3 Happening
4 Existed
5 Extinct bird
6 Actress Louise
7 Buddhism type
8 Being
9 Copper coin
10 Monster
11 Male swine
19 Greek letter
21 Collection
23 Appropos
25 Food-cleaning animal (pl.)
26 Scandinavian god
27 First-rate (comp. wd.)
28 Paid attention to
30 Bite
31 Small opening
32 Angered
35 College degree (abbr.)
38 Actor's goal
39 Intend
41 Summer drink
43 Nuclear agency (abbr.)
45 Ghostly
47 Unsightly
48 Apportion
49 Fathers
51 Trial
53 Chignon
54 Wishes (sl.)
57 ____ Lincoln
58 Genetic material (abbr.)



Astrological forecast

by Sydney Omarr

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relatives may converge on your with questions, problems and suggestions. Be diplomatic. Short journey could be on agenda. Steer clear of direct confrontations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Accent on locating what had been lost or stolen. Money, personal possessions, payments and collections claim spotlight. See places, situations and people in realistic light.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Moon in your sign coincides with correct judgment, fresh starts, more optimism, added independence. Make personal appearances. Money picture gets brighter as you accept challenge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look behind scenes, protect interests, be discreet. Finish rather than initiate project. You will overcome fears, doubts. Keep promise to one confined to home or hospital.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Good lunar aspect now coincides with friends, hopes, wishes and profit realized from business enterprise. Avoid lifting heavy objects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Oct. 22): Hunch pays off — know it and follow through on "inner feelings." Career situation improves. Somebody "up there" takes a liking to you. Adhere to principles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar aspect promotes travel, writing, special communication in connection with educational, advertising or publishing project. Accept social invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You gain "rare" insights. Partner, mate, close associate could sing financial blues. Key is to maintain balance and humor. Your own credibility could be on the line.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Accent on attraction, emotional ties, legal affairs and marital status. Open self to ideas, creative concepts. One who does care will "save the store" at last moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moderate pace — and moderation — should be keynoted. Keep health, rest, recreation and nutrition resolutions. One who shares employment interests could become a good friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): See through sham, avoid deception by steering clear of get-rich-quick schemes. Spotlight on change, travel, children, variety, speculation and affairs of heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get going on building, closing deal, removing safety hazards from residence. You get more responsibility, money — and love. Exhibit faith in product — and family member.

If Aug. 16 is your birthday, you are glamorous, spiritual; you are sensitive and your own harshest critic. You tend to brood, worry, to make mountains of molehills — you are better at aiding others than when it comes to helping yourself. December could be your most satisfying month of 1979, a year featuring love encounters, creativity, variety, change, travel and a possible addition to the family. You are "on stage" much of the time.